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THE OBSERVATOR.

Remarks on the Rehearſer. *Of her Majeſty's Right, as Head of the Church of* England. *Of the Power of the Keys. Of the Death of Prince* Lewis *of* Baden. *Reaſons for aboliſhing the Order of the Jeſuits. Of the Death of Sir* Robert Thorold: *With Remarks.*

From Wednesday, January 15. to Saturday, January 18. 170$\frac{6}{7}$.

Country-m. MAſter *Obſervator*, I muſt beg of you to give us one Touch upon the *Rehearſer*. I have conſider'd the Point, and do find, that the Deſign of his Writing, is againſt the Queen's Authority, as ſhe is Head of the Church.

Obſ. It is ſo, *Roger*. The Plot of his Paper is taken from the Play, call'd, *The Rehearſal*, and he keeps up to it to a Necety. In that Play, are introduc'd two Kings of *Brentford*, and therefore he will have two Heads of the Church: And as King *Phiz* was in a great Quandary about putting on his Boots, whether he ſhould go and fight his Antagoniſt, or go and court his Miſtreſs, (whereupon enſu'd a learned Dialogue betwixt *Love* and *Honour*) ſo our High-Church-men are in as great a Perplexity about putting on the Eccleſiaſtical Jack-Boots, whether they ſhall ride to encounter her Majeſty, as Head of the Church, or to vote againſt her Friends at Elections, as Head of the State.

But as they have fail'd in the one, ſo I hope they will in the other. However, we are hereby appriz'd of their good Nature, and can gueſs how far their Malice would carry them, had they Power anſwerable to their Envy.

If we reflect on the High-Church Farce, the *Memorial*, on the Behaviour of the tacking Clergy, at the late Elections, and on the preſent Subject of the *Rehearſer*'s Diſcourſe, we may juſtly conclude 'tis high Time to have ſome good Law made *recognizing her Majeſty's Right, as Head of the Church of* England, *and puniſhing thoſe that ſhall oppoſe it in Word or Deed.*

Her Majeſty has as undoubted a Title to the ſupream Power in the Church, as ſhe has to that in the State; and without theſe two Powers ſolely veſted in her Royal Perſon, ſhe is but half a Queen, becauſe her Royal Anceſtors, Kings and Queens of this Realm, have ever enjoy'd both thoſe Titles, Head of the Church, and Head of the State, *and have been veſted with the executive Power of the Laws made for the Preſervation of both.*

Then it muſt follow, that whoever ſhall Queſtion her Majeſty's Authority, as Head of the Church, is as culpable as he that ſhall queſtion her Right to the Crown; for he that queſtions one, queſtions both, ſince both are inſeparably united in the ſame Royal Perſon, and ought to be puniſh'd for one, as well as the other.

Thus my Argument is good, that her Majeſty's Right to the Church, ought to be as well ſecur'd, as her Right to the Crown. I hope theſe Men will not pretend any Difference in her Majeſty's religious and civil Capacity, becauſe ſhe wears a Crown, and not a Mitre. She may wear one, as well as the other, if ſhe pleaſes. The Crown is oftner off her Head, than on it, and yet ſhe is as much Queen when it is off her Head, as when it is on. No Law, that I know of, can hinder her Majeſty from coming into Convocation, and ſitting there, as in the Houſe of Lords; but ſure I am, the Clergy cannot ſit there without her Leave, and by her Authority only.

The Clergy hold from the Queen, and do Prieſts Service for their Tenure; and tho' her Majeſty, out of her Bounty, has given the Clergy her firſt Fruits and Tenths, it does not follow, that they are Self-holders; for tho' her Majeſty quitted her Profits, ſhe did not quit her Prerogative. However, by this, the High-flying Clergy have made good the old Proverb, *Give an Inch, take an Ell:* For ſince her Majeſty's Charity diſpos'd her to part with ſo much, it has encourag'd them to pretend to all; and it may be a Caution to future Succeſſors to the Crown, how they part with any of the Profits thereof to Men that know not how to be thankful.

Country-m. Maſter, I remember with what Violence they oppos'd the Queen's Friends at the Elections, and what dirty, ſcurvy Reflections ſome of 'em have had in Company; and this *Rehearſer* is the worſt of 'em all, for he writes every Word againſt her. He ſays, that the Prieſt has the Power of the *Keys*. Now, here I have found'n out to be a falſe Loon, for in our Pariſh, the Sexton has the Power of the Keys, and keeps 'em at home, at his own Houſe, to go and ring the eight and four a Clock Bell, when the Parſon is at the Ale-houſe, or a ſnoaring in his Bed.

Our Parſon keeps no Key belonging to the Church, but a Key to the Pariſh-Cheſt, and the upper Church-Warden has another, ſo that it can't be open'd, but when they are both together; for we dare not truſt the Parſon to have the Power of both the Keys, for fear the Church-Plate ſhould go to the Melters.

Obſ. You are miſtaken, *Roger*; by the Power of the Keys, he means the Power of opening Heaven-Gate, of remitting or retaining Sins, of abſolving People from, or confirming them in their Sins.

Country-m. Aye! Maſter, is it ſo? Then I know what will become of the *Obſervator* and his *Country-man*, not one tacking Prieſt of 'em

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all would open the Door to us. But, Maſter, how do we know, that this is a true Key, which Mr. *Rehearſer* has got; he talks more like a Pick-lock, than an honeſt Man. But if they can forgive Sins, why don't they forgive one another? They are guilty of a Power of 'em againſt the Queen, her Government, and God Almighty; and if they can forgive Sins, I'll warrant it will be for Money, and then how many Popes ſhall we have in *England*, beſides a new Tax of *Peter-Pence* upon the People?

Obſ. I would have the *Rehearſer* tell us how he came by this Key? Who gave it him? And whether his Key was made to the Lock, or the Lock to his Key?

Country-m. Maſter, he ſays you continue in your Blaſphemy, but does not tell us in what.

Obſ. Oh! *Roger*, that's plain enough, in ſaying, that the Queen is Head of the Church. Every Word that is ſpoken in Diminution of the pretended Power of High-Church, is Blaſphemy. If the *Rehearſer* paw-waws, and pretends to new Revelations, and you ridicule his Enthuſiaſm, then he tells a thouſand Times over, that you blaſpheme Scripture Revelation. If you ſpeak againſt the Wickedneſs of the Tacking Clergy in particular, then you ſpeak againſt the whole Church in general; but not one Word of Argument to prove what he ſays. We'll e'en have done with him at preſent, but when we have an Opportunity of taking him to Taſk again, I ſhall knock his Bunch of Keys about his Ears, and not care one Half-penny whether he forgives me that Sin or no.

Well, honeſt *Country-man*, I find that Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* is dead, and if you are minded to amend your Epitaph, now is the Time.

Country-m. My Poetical Maggot does not bite in this Month; my Church and State Maggots are at Work. But I hope we ſhall have one to command in his Place, that will not be afflicted with the Gout, and when he ſhould be a drinking the Enemies Blood, go to drinking of Water.

Obſ. We muſt tread ſoftly on dead Aſhes: And therefore omitting what juſt Exceptions might be made to that Prince's Management, I ſhall make ſome few Remarks on a Paſſage that happen'd during his Sickneſs.

In the *Daily Courant* of the 3d of *December* laſt, we are told, that the Father-Confeſſor to this Prince did preſcibe to him, by way of Pennance, to expel the Proteſtants out of his Territories; but that he had the Courage to ſend that Diabolical Jeſuit packing.

It is not unknown to the whole People of *Europe*, what Broils, what Wars, what Effuſion of Chriſtian Blood, is owing to the Helliſh Councils and Contrivances of this Brood of *Satan*, the Jeſuits; and would the Popiſh ſovereign Powers but treat them as Prince *Lewis* of *Baden* did, they would be more at Eaſe in their Governments, and leſs ſuſpected by their Proteſtant Neighbours.

The Knights Templars of *Jeruſalem*, were a religious Order of Men, by Oath bound to defend the Chriſtian Religion; but they acting ſo very contrary to their Inſtitution, their Order was aboliſh'd, and no one Knight Templar is left in the World.

I am apt to think, if the Order of the Jeſuits were aboliſh'd, it would be for the Intereſt of the Papiſts, as well as the Proteſtants; for all the fiery Perſecutions, Superſtitions, erroneous Tenets and Practices, which the Papiſts profeſs and practiſe, are owing to thoſe Incendiaries, who corrupt the Minds of the Well-diſpos'd, and implant in 'em the Nature of ſavage Beaſts; and their Crimes and wicked Contrivances, to diſturb the Repoſe of Nations, ſeem to call for Vengeance upon 'em from all Sorts of Men of all Perſwaſions.

If there was any Hopes of overcoming Bigotry, by Reaſon and plain Matter of Fact, I could give ſufficient Inſtances from Hiſtory, how many ſovereign Powers have been ruin'd, or kept low, by admitting theſe headſtrong, tenacious, cruel, and Butcherly Jeſuits, into their Councils: And 'tis beyond Diſpute, that *France* had never grown to that Pitch of Power, to which it has arriv'd, had the Jeſuits been of the privy Council.

For they are a Sort of Men acted more by Malice, than Judgment; and value the Intereſt of no Prince any farther, than they can make him an Inſtrument of Cruelty upon thoſe of a contrary Perſwaſion. If they can get ſo far within a Prince, as to know his ſecret Sins, by Way of Confeſſion, and then can enjoin him to murder his Proteſtant Subjects, by Way of Pennance, can ſuch a Prince imagine himſelf ſafe, or that Proteſtant Powers can rely on his Alliance, ſince 'tis in the Power of his Father-Confeſſor to enjoin him, as Pennance, to break his Faith and ſolemneſt League with his Confederates?

The Jeſuits are the moſt impolitick Order of Men in the World; their Policy is too furious to laſt long; and whatever Prince has the Misfortune to fall under their Management, is ſure to be ruin'd, impoveriſh'd, or render'd contemptible. We had a fatal Inſtance hereof in our unfortunate Prince, King *James* II. no ſooner had he taken the Jeſuits into his Council, but the religious *Jehu's* ſhorten'd his Reign to the Length of a Span.

Country-m. Maſter, we muſt have theſe Papiſh Jeſuits deſtroy'd; I mean their Practices, not their Perſons. When we have got a Kennel of Foxes in a Wood, as ſoon as ever we have found 'em out, we ſummon in the whole Neighbourhood, ſome with Spades, and ſome with Pickaxes, and out we dig 'em; for if *Reynard*, the Jeſuit ſhould breed up his young Ones, we ſhould keep no Poultry in the Rooſt, nor Lambs in the Field, for they would be all brought in to the Inquiſition at *Reynard's* Den. Now, the Jeſuits being the ſame amongſt Men, as Foxes and other Beaſts of Prey, among Cocks and Hens, it is every Body's Buſineſs to unkennel, and oppoſe 'em.

The Fear of Peace is now over, and when it ſhall be thought fit and proper to make Peace, I would have it agreed upon, that this Order of Incendiaries, that make War, and diſturb the publick Tranquility, be aboliſh'd, in order to the making of it firm and laſting; for while theſe Make-bates are encourag'd, *Europe* will be embroil'd; and in my Country-Judgment, a Peace, without beating out the Teeth of theſe Canibals, is but ſkinning over the Sore; it is but covering the Fire up in the Embers, leaving a Neſt-Egg in the Pope's Hen-houſe; for the Occaſions of the War muſt be taken away, or the Peace concluded, will be liable to a Rupture.

Maſter, I hate Jeſuits, and the Papiſhes would be honeſter Fellows, if it were not for them; and they are the beſt Men of all Perſwaſions, that ear'n't govern'd by their Prieſts. The *Daily Courant* of the 9th of *December* laſt, giving the Character of Sir *Robert Thorold*, ſays, that he was a Lover of the civil Liberties of *England*, and againſt the Perſecutions for Religion. This ſeems to bring in Queſtion the Loyalty, Fidelity, and Love of all Papiſts, to their Country, as if it were impoſſible for them to be in the Intereſt of it.

And had Sir *Robert* made that Declaration to his unholy Father, inſtead of this Friend, he had not eſcap'd Purgatory; and the Kindneſs he ſhow'd to his Proteſtant Servants, is very extraordinary, in permitting them to go to Church, when he could not compel 'em to go to Maſs. I don't ſpeak this to reflect on the Dead, but what that Paper naturally ſuggeſts.

Obſ. I don't ſee how a Papiſt can love the civil Liberties of *England*, and the Government of Queen *Ann*, who own the Pope's Authority as ſupream in *England*, in all Caſes Eccleſiaſtical and Civil. But, *Roger*, look at the Clock, we are paſt our Time, and muſt take another Opportunity.

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